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ANSWER CONTRACT FACTOIDS!

2899 Task Orders
\$4.18 B Funded Sales
\$8.39 B Estimated Value

MILLENNIA CONTRACT FACTOIDS!

111 Task Orders
\$4.70 B Funded Sales
\$8.78 B Estimated Value

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Enterprise GWAC Center Inducts 20 GSA Associates into the FY05 ANSWER Hall of Fame *Anjanette Magante*

Following a tremendous year in which 360 new task orders were awarded and funded sales were over \$833.6M, the Enterprise GWAC Center is naming 20 associates to the FY05 Hall of Fame. The Annual Hall of Fame recognizes GSA professionals for their outstanding client support via the ANSWER Contract and for their multi-million dollar projects across numerous and highly complex projects. Top honors for the FY05 Hall of Fame go to Donna M. Rounds, Contracting Officer, Region 4.

ANSWER Hall of Fame Inductees for FY04 Top Honors – Donna M. Rounds

James T. Lilac
Diemle T. Phan
Kyong Cyr
Barb Nystedt
Joe O. Smithy
William Woolf

Clifford L. Trowbridge
Patricia Molina
Mara Shultz
Donna S. Jones
Jackie McIntyre
Karen A. Beyer
Amber Ahn

Craig Karnes
Robert Spratling
Timothy Johnson
Mitchell J. Thomas
Wendi Harriman
Shirley Rivera

Enterprise GWAC Center Associates Receive Awards *Anjanette Magante*

Patricia Sullivan and Chon Son were recognized for their valuable contributions to the Enterprise GWAC Center. The award was presented to Patricia for the outstanding job that she has done as the ANSWER Procuring Contracting Officer (PCO). Patricia worked diligently to resolve many vital ANSWER contract administration issues, eliminating many overlapping reports and requesting consideration from the contractors for the removal of the reports.

Chon's efforts in effectively marketing the ITOPII program produced an increase in revenue from \$101,751 in Fiscal Year 2004 to \$1,189,597 in Fiscal Year 2005, a truly noteworthy accomplishment as the ITOPII contract expires in Jan 2006. Chon worked with potential customer agency Contracting Officers to familiarize them with the ITOPII GWAC. His valuable assistance and guidance provided the comfort level for the Agency PCOs to utilize the ITOPII contract vehicle.



OFPP Acquisition Working Group Provides Preliminary Recommendations*Monti Jagers*

The Acquisition Advisory Panel (AAP), an interagency acquisition working group tasked with examining ways to improve the management and use of interagency contracting, held its first meeting recently. The group is led by the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) and is composed of chief acquisition officers from agencies that operate government-wide acquisition contracts and multiple-award schedules, as well as from agencies that use the contracts. OFPP established the AAP after the Government Accountability Office (GAO) added interagency contracting to its high-risk list earlier this year. The working group will determine whether further guidance on interagency contracting is needed and will clarify the roles and responsibilities of agencies. Preliminary recommendations from the government-wide contracts and interagency contract vehicles working group include the following:

- 1) Amend current OMB approval procedures for GWACs and franchise funds creation and continuation to require greater focus on meeting need and other criteria
- 2) Institute a requirement that each agency, under guidance issued by OMB, formally authorize the creation, continuation, or expansion of vehicles under its jurisdiction
- 3) Reauthorize each vehicle periodically based on a common set of criteria
- 4) Develop criteria that are distinct from criteria used in contract renewal or options decisions
- 5) Task the OMB interagency task force to define the process and mechanism for promulgating policies, procedures, and requirements for creation and continuation processes
- 6) Increase transparency through a database of vehicles
- 7) Apply requirements under section 803 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 to all agencies' use of interagency contract vehicles
- 8) Require stricter enforcement of rules removing contractors from the GSA schedules and other vehicles who do not meet minimum requirements for orders over time

CONTRACTING OFFICERS' CORNER

ESRS Update--Agencies and large government contractors can now use the ESRS, a new online reporting system for tracking federal subcontracting goals. The ESRS reached initial operating capability for most civilian agencies Oct. 28, 2005. The Defense Department will begin using the system in the second quarter of fiscal 2006. With the system now operational, civilian agencies and their contractors must begin submitting subcontracting data for fiscal 2004 and 2005 online. ESRS is fully integrated with the Federal Procurement Data System-Next Generation, an online system that tracks agency spending for goods and services.

Proposed T&M Rule Update--The public comment period on proposed new rules regarding time-and-materials and labor-hour contracts has been extended to Dec. 9. The Defense Acquisition Regulations Council and Civilian Agency Acquisition Council jointly proposed the rule, published September 26, 2005. The original comment period had been set to end Nov. 25. The proposed new rule would increase the oversight of time-and-materials and labor-hour contracts. Here are some of the important provisions in the proposed rule.

- 1) Agencies must make a formal determination that a fixed-price contract is not suitable because it is not possible at the time of the order to accurately estimate the extent or duration of the work.
- 2) Contracting officers must identify what portion of an hourly rate is profit. If the contractor must redo work, agencies will pay it only for costs, not additional profit.
- 3) Contractors are responsible for substantiating the hours that their subcontractors work and receive payment.
- 4) The rule allows agencies to access company records and interview employees when considered necessary to verify work.

December Events**Date:** December 6-8, 2005**Location:** Honolulu, HI**Event:** Technet Asia Pacific Conference 2005**Enterprise GWAC Center POCs**

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